

**Program Title:** **Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism**

**Amount of Funding:** **\$19,134,801**

**Federal source of funds:** **U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**Purpose of the project:** To upgrade state and local public health jurisdictions' preparedness for and response to bioterrorism, other outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies. A regional approach is encouraged, as well as collaboration with neighboring states. Activities ("critical capacities") must be developed in each of the following focus areas:

**Initial Allocation**  
*Approx. (20%) \$3,826,960*

Available for immediate use to address the following:

- Planning costs associated with development of work plan
- Implementation of critical benchmarks
- Reimbursement for post-September 11 costs (i.e., anthrax response, laboratory and epidemiology expenses)

***The following funds will not be awarded until the work plan is received and approved by CDC.***

**Focus Area A**  
*Approx. (20%) \$3,826,960*

**Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment**

- Establish strategic direction, coordination, and assessment processes
- Enhance preparedness and response planning
- Develop National Pharmaceutical Stockpile protocols

**Focus Area B**  
*Approx. (20%) \$3,826,960*

**Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity**

- Upgrade public health surveillance and detection capacities
- Upgrade public health epidemiologic investigations and response capacities

**Focus Area C**  
*Approx. (13%) \$2,487,524*

**Laboratory Capacity – Biologic Agents**

- Develop a statewide program to provide rapid and effective laboratory services
- Ensure an adequate and secure laboratory infrastructure (including facilities, reagents, and equipment)

**Focus Area D**  
**\$0**

**Laboratory Capacity – Chemical Agents**  
*(Funds to support this are not available at this time)*

**Focus Area E**  
*Approx. (12%) \$2,296,176*

**Health Alert Network (HAN)/Communications and Information Technology**

- Ensure communications connectivity between public health departments, healthcare organizations, law enforcement organizations, and public officials
- Develop emergency communications that are redundant with e-mail (i.e., two-way radios, satellite or cellular phones, etc.)
- Protect critical data and information systems and ensure continuity of operations

- Ensure secure electronic exchange of clinical, laboratory, environmental, and other public health information

#### Focus Area F

*Approx. (5%) \$956,740*

#### Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination

- Provide health/risk information to the public and key partners during an event by: 1) conducting a needs assessment, and 2) identifying effective channels of communication to the general public and special populations

#### Focus Area G

*Approx. (10%) \$1,913,481*

#### Education and Training

- Ensure the delivery of appropriate education and training to public health professionals (including infectious disease specialists, emergency department personnel, and other healthcare providers)